

Helpful Mailing Tips updated July 20, 2026

Basic Pricing Information

- One Forever Stamp, priced at **82¢**, is generally all that's needed on an envelope weighing 1 ounce or less.
- Envelopes weighing more than 1 ounce, require **29¢** worth of postage for each additional ounce up to 3.5 ounces. There's a Forever Stamp you can purchase to cover this extra 29¢ (\$1.11 total).
- Postage for large envelopes and flats (see Size Requirements below) start at **\$1.69** for 1 ounce, 29¢ for each additional ounce up to 13 ounces.
- Postcard postage is **65¢**. There are Forever postcard stamps.
- International letters of 1 ounce or less require **\$1.75** in postage. There are Forever international stamps.

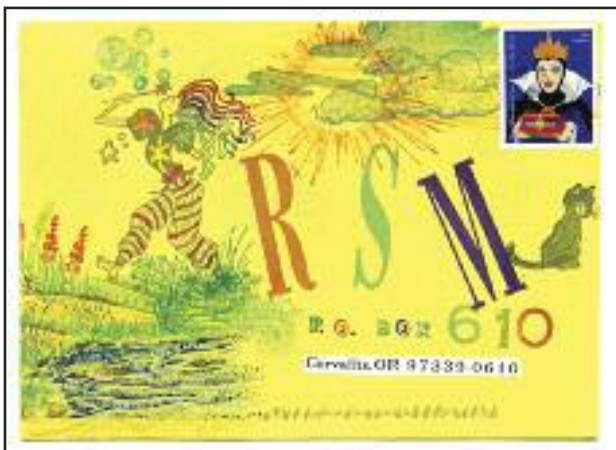
Size Requirements

- **Envelopes:** Minimum-size 5x3.5-inches, maximum-size 11.5x6-inches. Envelopes must maintain a uniform thickness of no more than 1/4" for standard postage.
- **Extra Postage** needed: When mailing a square envelope, an envelope larger than 5x3.5 inches, or more than 1/4" thick, cost is **\$1.69** for up to 1 ounce. Add 29¢ for each additional ounce.
- **Postcards:** Flat card (no fold or envelope). Minimum size 5x3.5-inches, maximum size 6x4.25-inches, 0.016-inches thick.

Package Requirements

An envelope will count as a package, if . . .

- It does not meet standard dimensions or thickness (see above specs).
- It is not uniform in size, i.e. lumpy.
- It is rigid—i.e. does not bend.
- You want to add insurance.



Envelope from Lana Slouber

When Extra Postage is Needed

- When a postal employee must hand cancel an envelope, it is considered “non-machinable” and extra postage is required. For an envelope, this starts at **49¢** with another 29¢ postage for each additional ounce.
- An envelope is non machinable when:**
- 3D embellishments make the envelope lumpy—even with cardboard.
 - You added “Do Not Bend” on the envelope.
 - Your envelope has clasps, brads, buttons, or string.
 - The envelope is square or over-sized but isn't as big as a “large envelope.”

Shipping Options

- USPS Ground Advantage Select recommended for mailing packages.
- If you want an envelope or package to arrive quickly (two-to-three days), consider Priority Mail.
- If you want your envelope or package to arrive in one day, consider Express Mail.

Mailing Suggestions

Follow these guidelines to make sure your mail travels smoothly to its destination:

- Protect artwork with no more than a single layer of bubble wrap or lightweight (non-rigid) cardboard on each side. Cereal boxes are an ideal weight.
- If you have several pieces to mail at once, consider sending a large envelope.
- Art and cardboard should lie flat and measure no more than 1/4" thick.
- If the envelope measures more than 1/4" thick, either send cards individually or treat the envelope as a package.

Sending Mail to RubberStampMadness

- *RSM* appreciates SASEs (stamped, self-addressed, return envelopes) with submissions. If sending stamp art for more than one theme, send one SASE per theme.
- If you don't want your artwork returned, let us know. We can pass along what you send.
- If you live outside the USA consider sending submissions via email to graphics@rsmadness.com.
- An up-to-date Customer's Guide to Mailing can be found at usps.com. This includes the information shared here—and more!